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1. DAR ES SALAAM AUGUST 21 SUNDAY NEWS LEAD STORY IS HEADED :
"ZIPA SHALL BE THE ARMY OF FREE ZIMBABWE...LONDON AND WASH-
INGTON AGREE.".

BEGIN TEXT:

THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS HAVE SENT A JOINT MESSAGE
TO PRESIDENT NYERERE AGREEING THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT WILL BE THE ARMY OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

BOTH LONDON AND WASHINGTON ARE ALSO AGREED THAT IAN SMITH AND
HIS ARMED FORCES MUST BE REMOVED IN ZIMBABWE.

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THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE YESTERDAY DURING A PRESS
CONFERENCE AT THE STATE HOUSE IN DAR ES SALAAM. HE SAID THE JOINT
MESSAGE, DELIVERED TWO DAYS AGO BY THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM CLEARED "THE CON-
FUSION" HE FELT IN LONDON ABOUT A WEEK AGO.

HE SAID HOW SIMITH AND HIS ARMY WOULD BE REMOVED "IS NOW A QUESTION OF DETAIL. IT IS NOT MY FUNCTION TO PRESS THE US AND BRITAIN ON HOW THEY CAN ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE AGREED UPON".

MWALIMU SAID HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE GENUINE AND COMMITTED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE FOR TWO REASONS.

FIRST PRESIDENT CARTER WAS COMPLETELY HONEST. SECONDLY, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WAS A LIBERAL.

PRESIDENT NYERERE SAID HE WENT TO THE US TO GET BACKING TO END COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. "I DON'T EMBARRASS PRESIDENT CARTER BY ASKING FOR HIS SUPPORT AGAINST MINORITY REGIMES".

HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE DID NOT GO TO THE US TO ASK FOR SOCIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SAID HE WENT THERE TO FULFILL THE FUNCTION OF THE OAU, ADDING THAT THE LATTER WAS FOR LIBERATION, NOT SOCIALISM.

ASKED WHETHER HE BELIEVED IN THE SINCERITY OF THE BRITISH COMMITMENT, MWALIMU ADVISED THE BRITISH TO READ SHAKESPEARES' JULIUS CEASAR. "THERE IS A TIDE IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN...", HE SAID AND TOLD THEM TO GET RID OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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ON THE MOVES TO SETTLE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM INTERNALLY, MWALIMU WARNED THAT "THE RHODESIAN SOLUTION" BASED ON AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE (SAID TO HAVE THE VOTES) AND IAN SMITH (WITH THE GUNS) WOULD NOT DO AT ALL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH BRITAIN AND THE US FOUND THE INTERNAL SOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE.

MWALIMU POINTED OUT THAT THE ISSUE FOR THE ZIMBABWE WAS NO LONGER THE CONSTITUTION BUT THE ARMY. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE HAD ALREADY DECIDED ABOUT THE ARMY.

YOUNG PEOPLE LEFT SCHOOL AND FACTORIES TO JOIN THE ARMY WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO DEFEAT SMITH AND BECOME THE ARMY OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE ELECTIONS. BUT THIS WAS A QUESTION OF THE FUTURE AFTER THE REMOVAL OF SMITH AND HIS ENTIRE POWER BASE. ZIMBABWEANS HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, HE SAID.

HE APPEALED TO THE NATIONALISTS TO BE UNITED WARNING THAT

THEY WOULD BE MANY ATTEMPTS TO DIVIDE THEM. HE SAID THAT THEY
SHOULD REFUSE TO BE DIVIDED. END TEXT.
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